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Toshio ARIYASU et. al.	)	Art Unit: 1644
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For: HEDGEHOG PROTEIN	)	May 20, 2004

SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS

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Sir:

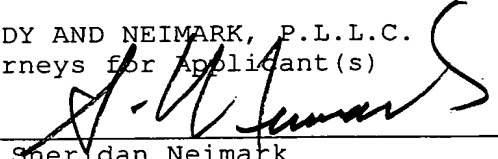
As more than 46 months have passed since this application was filed or entered into the United States National Stage and more than seven (7) months since prosecution was suspended, the applicants hereby respectfully make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore **requests a written reply**.

Respectfully submitted,

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